

IMMUNIZATIONS**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

All schools must collect proof of immunization or exemption from students. This proof is required for school attendance.

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCES:

18 V.S.A. Chapter 21 § 1121 - *Immunizations*

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=18&Chapter=021&Section=01121>

Vermont Department of Health - Immunization Requirements:

- *Summary* -- <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/SummaryofVTImmRegs.pdf>
- *Vermont School Entry Requirements* -- <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>
- *Vermont Immunization Registry* -- <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/IMR/index.aspx>
- *Immunization Program* -- <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/index.aspx>
- *Child Care Entry*-- <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ChildCareEntry.aspx>
- *Immunization Regulations (2013)*--
http://healthvermont.gov/regs/documents/imm_regulations.pdf

REQUIRED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

1. Follow the Vermont Department of Health guidelines for enforcement of the school immunization law.
2. Review all immunization records of students prior to entering the school system.
3. Maintain immunization record of all students within the school community.
4. Complete the annual immunization status report for the Vermont Department of Health, due January 1.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

1. Develop protocol for tracking of students without adequate immunization.
2. Enroll in the Immunization registry: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/IMR/index.aspx>
3. Contact local medical home to establish protocol for sharing immunization information.
4. Notify parent(s)/guardian of the need for additional immunizations or adequate documentation.
5. Establish list of students with medical, religious or moral exemptions to immunizations (sample below).
6. Collaborate with administration about procedures for exclusion of students not compliant with immunization law.
7. Review immunization requirements for immigrants/refugees.

RESOURCES:

Vermont Department of Health -

[Procedures for Enforcement of the School Immunization Law](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx) --

<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>

SAMPLE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS – must update annually from VDH website

All Forms current as of March 25, 2014 <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>

- *K-12 Requirements* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/schoolentry_iz_requirements.pdf
- *Vaccines for Pre-teens* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/vaccines_preteens.pdf
- *Post-Secondary Requirements* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/iz_college_letter.pdf
- *Varicella Disease (Chickenpox) Documentation*--
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/IZ_varicelladocumentation_020808.pdf

School Immunization Exemption

- *Medical Exemption Form* --
<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Medexemption.pdf>
- *Religious and Philosophical Exemption Form* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Philexemption_2013.pdf
- *College and Post-Secondary Exemption Form* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Post_secondary_Immunization_Exemption_Form_2013.pdf
- *Required Parent Education* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/Revisedparenteducation_2013.pdf
- *Exemption forms signed annually* --
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/annual_exemption.pdf
- [Memo from VDH to Vermont Principals](#) (9/2014)

Child Care Entry: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ChildCareEntry.aspx#forms> - All forms are current as of 9/19/13